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INTERNAL LIGATION OF TUBULAR  
STRUCTURES

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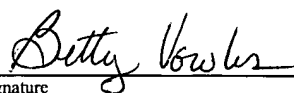
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## AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 02, 2003, please amend the referenced application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 6 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing the changes.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.

**Appendices A, B, C and D** including amended drawings (Appendix A, redlined), a clean copy (Appendix B), a substitute specification showing the changes made (Appendix C) and a clean copy of the substitute specification (Appendix D) are attached following page 11 of this paper.

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